

Appl. No. 10/749,997
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 - 6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended): A disposable absorbent article having opposed longitudinal side edges, opposed lateral end edges, a front waist region, a rear waist region and a crotch region which extends between and connects the front waist region and the rear waist region, the front waist region having a width extending between opposed longitudinal side edges and the rear waist region having a width extending between opposed longitudinal side edges, the disposable absorbent article comprising:

an outer cover comprising a stretchable material and having a bodyfacing surface and a garment facing surface;

a liner superposed over the bodyfacing surface of the outer cover, the liner comprising a stretchable material and having a bodyfacing surface and a garment facing surface;

an absorbent core disposed between the garment facing surface of the liner and the bodyfacing surface of the outer cover; and

a dual fastening system, the dual fastening system comprising:

a pair of primary ears joined to the rear waist region, each primary ear having a bodyfacing surface, a garment facing surface, a proximal edge, a distal edge, a first connecting edge and a second connecting edge, the first and second connecting edges connecting the proximal and distal edges, and a primary fastener, at least a portion of the primary fastener being situated inboard from the distal edge, the primary fastener being configured to engage at least a portion of the garment facing surface of the outer cover; and

a pair of secondary ears joined to the front waist region, each secondary ear having a bodyfacing surface, a garment facing surface, a proximal edge, a distal edge, a first connecting edge and a second connecting edge, the first and second connecting edges connecting the proximal and distal edges, and a secondary fastener, at least a portion of the secondary fastener being situated inboard from the distal edge, the primary secondary fastener being configured to engage at least a portion of the bodyfacing surface of the liner; and

wherein the width of the front waist region is at least about 90 percent of the width of the rear waist region.

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8. (original): The disposable absorbent article of claim 7, wherein the outer cover is an elastomeric material.
9. (original): The disposable absorbent article of claim 8, wherein the liner is an extensible material.
10. (original): The disposable absorbent article of claim 9, wherein each primary fastener is situated outboard from at least the longitudinal side edge of the rear waist region.
11. (original): The disposable absorbent article of claim 10, wherein each secondary fastener is situated outboard from at least the longitudinal side edge of the front waist region.
12. (original): The disposable absorbent article of claim 11, wherein the width of the front waist region is at least 90 percent of the width of the rear waist region.
13. (original): The disposable absorbent article of claim 7, wherein each primary fastener is situated outboard from at least the longitudinal side edge of the rear waist region.
14. (original): The disposable absorbent article of claim 13, wherein the liner is an extensible material.
15. (original): The disposable absorbent article of claim 14, wherein the outer cover is an elastomeric material.
16. (original): The disposable absorbent article of claim 7, wherein each secondary fastener is situated outboard from at least the longitudinal side edge of the front waist region.
17. (currently amended): The disposable absorbent article of claim 16, wherein the liner is an extensible material.
18. (original): The disposable absorbent article of claim 17, wherein the outer cover is an elastomeric material.

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19. (currently amended): A disposable absorbent article having opposed longitudinal side edges, opposed lateral end edges, a front waist region, a rear waist region and a crotch region which extends between and connects the front waist region and the rear waist region, the front waist region having a width extending between opposed longitudinal side edges and the rear waist region having a width extending between opposed longitudinal side edges, the disposable absorbent article comprising:

- an outer cover comprising an elastomeric material and having a bodyfacing surface and a garment facing surface;

- a liner superposed over the bodyfacing surface of the outer cover, the liner comprising an extensible material and having a bodyfacing surface and a garment facing surface;

- an absorbent core disposed between the garment facing surface of the liner and the bodyfacing surface of the outer cover; and

- a dual fastening system, the dual fastening system comprising:

- a pair of primary ears joined to the rear waist region, each primary ear being made of a non-elastomeric material and having a bodyfacing surface, a garment facing surface, a proximal edge, a distal edge, a first connecting edge and a second connecting edge, the first and second connecting edges connecting the proximal and distal edges, and a primary fastener, the primary fastener being situated inboard from the distal edge of the ear and outboard from at least the longitudinal side edge of the rear waist ~~portion~~ region, the primary fastener being configured to engage at least a portion of the garment facing surface of the outer cover; and

- a pair of secondary ears joined to the front waist region, each secondary ear being made of a non-elastomeric material and having a bodyfacing surface, a garment facing surface, a proximal edge, a distal edge, a first connecting edge and a second connecting edge, the first and second connecting edges connecting the proximal and distal edges, and a secondary fastener, the secondary fastener being situated inboard from the distal edge of the ear and outboard from at least the longitudinal side edge of the front waist ~~portion~~ region, the secondary fastener being configured to engage at least a portion of the bodyfacing surface of the liner; and

- wherein the width of the front waist region is at least 90 percent of the width of the rear waist region.